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Pascal Chesnais et al.

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Washington, DC 20231

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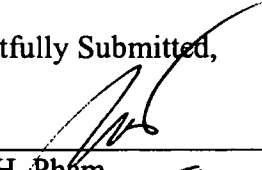
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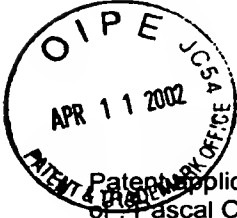
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**List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement.**

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly FORM PTO-1449)
3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. ☐ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited  
and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. ☐ Cumulative Patents or Publications
6. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
7. ☐ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
- 7A. ☐ EPO Search Report
- 7B. ☐ English Language Version of EPO Search Report
8. ☐ Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
9. ☐ Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)
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Sections , respectively, have been continued on ADDED PAGE(S).

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Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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**Section 2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)**

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"Examiners must consider all citations submitted in conformance with the rules and this section and place their initials adjacent [sic] the citations on a list or in the boxes provided on a form PTO-1449. If the citations are submitted on a list other than a form PTO-1449, the examiner may write "all considered" and his or her initials to indicate that all citations have been considered. If any of the citations are considered, a copy of the submitted list or form, as reviewed by the examiner, will be returned to the applicant with the next communication. The original copy of the form will be entered into the application file. The copy returned to applicant will serve both as acknowledgement of receipt of the information disclosure statement and as an indication that the references were considered by the examiner. Forms PTO-326 and PTOL-37 include a box to indicate the attachment of form PTO-1449.

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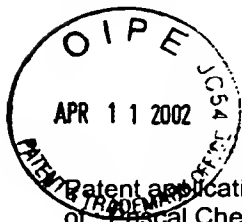
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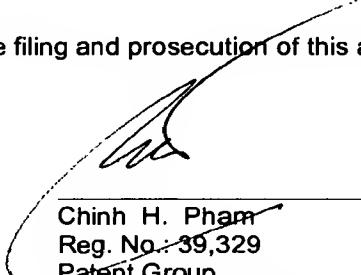
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages Etc.)

AA	Dana Spiegel; "Canard Documentation Center", in /canard/Hypermail/Canard, May 1999
AB	Pascal Chesnais; "URL: <a href="http://canard.media.mit.edu">http://canard.media.mit.edu</a> " went on line on November 15, 1996
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AE	Pascal Chesnais, "Canard Messaging System", Slides used at talk given to Motorola International Network Division on March 12, 1997, Schaumburg, Ill.
AF	Pascal Chesnais, "Canard Object Definitions", Last Updated on April 30, 1997
AG	Pascal Chesnais; "Canard Overview: Community Messaging System for Group Collaboration", Last Revised on November 8, 1996
AH	Pascal Chenais; "LibMessage- messaging via email", lacsap@good-humor.media.mit.edu, August 5, 1996
AI	Dana Spiegel; "Email as an Object-to-think-with", danas@mit.edu, December 12, 1996
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